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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

#7-103
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In re Application of:)
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Paul J. RUTHVEN et al.) Group Art Unit: 1772
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Serial No.: 10/036,770) Examiner: P. Nordmeyer
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Filed: December 21, 2001)
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For: AN APPARATUS AND METHOD)
FOR DEGRADING A WEB IN THE)
MACHINE DIRECTION WHILE)
PRESERVING CROSS-MACHINE)
DIRECTION STRENGTH)

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Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated March 24, 2003, the Examiner required
restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between:

Group I - Claims 1-68 and 113, drawn to an embossing system for embossing
and perforating; classified in class 101, subclass 22;

Group II - Claims 69-103 and 112, drawn to a method for embossing and
perforating at least a portion of a web, classified in class 162, subclass 100; and

Group III - Claims 104-111, drawn to a perforate embossed web, classified in
class 428, subclass 131.

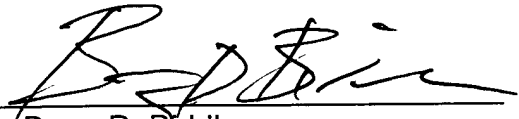
Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group II, Claims 69-103 and 112, drawn to a method for embossing and perforating at least a portion of a web, classified in class 162, subclass 100, without traverse.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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